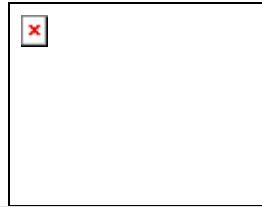




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Welcome to **eWYLIE**, the City of Wylie's monthly e-newsletter. Our goal is to provide you with the most timely information about city programs, events and services.

Wylie Implements Stage 2 of Drought Contingency Plan ***Continued Drought Conditions Cause Need for Water Conservation***

The City of Wylie has implemented Stage 2 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

With extreme drought conditions, continuing decline in water levels of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) water supply reservoirs and long-range weather forecast that projects the drought conditions to persist, NTMWD is requiring implementation of Stage 2 by its member cities and customers.

The City of Wylie is a NTMWD member city. East Fork SUD and Wylie Northeast Water, who also supply water to Wylie residents, are NTMWD customers.

Through Stage 2, NTMWD's goal is a two (2) percent reduction of the use that would have occurred in the absence of drought contingency measures. NTMWD projects that Stage 2 can be downgraded to Stage 1 when Lake Lavon water level rises about elevation of 485.0 feet mean sea level (msl) or when the circumstances that initiated Stage 2 no longer exist.

If drought conditions do not improve and water levels continue to decrease, there is the possibility of an upgrade to Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan.

Stage 2 and 3 Response Measures

For more information or questions about the City's Drought Contingency Plan, please contact the City of Wylie Public Works at 972.442.7588 or drought@ci.wylie.tx.us.

Per City Ordinance (2002-18), City of Wylie water users who fail to comply with these response measures shall be subject to a penalty.

Stage 2 and 3 Fine Schedule

Any resident who sees a violation of the City's Drought Contingency Plan is encouraged to contact the City of Wylie Police at 972.442.8171.

Water conservation is at a premium during this time. The City encourages all residents to practice water conservation during their day-to-day household activities. Listed below are some water conservation tips:

- Fix leaking faucets, pipes and toilets.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Take shorter showers.
- Turn off water while shaving or brushing teeth.

The City's Water Department will continue normal operations and maintenance to the City's water distribution system. This routine maintenance includes the occasional flushing of fire hydrants to control taste and odor problems as well as maintain adequate chlorine levels.

City Continues to Encourage Awareness of High Fire Danger ***Collin County Expands Bans to Reduce Fire Risks***

The Collin County Commissioners Court extended and increased an executive order banning the use of outdoor combustibles in an effort to reduce the County's risk of wildfires.

"We support the Commissioners' executive order and encourage our residents to refrain from any activities outlined in the executive order," Wylie Fire Marshal Steve Seddig stated.

The County executive order includes the following:

- Welding and other hotwork will now require a permit.

City of Wylie Welding-Hotwork Permit

The International Fire Code defines hot work as operations including cutting, welding, Thermit welding, brazing, soldering, grinding, thermal spraying, thawing pipe, installation of torch-applied roof systems or any other similar activity.

- All outdoor burning is prohibited. To conduct outdoor burning within Wylie city limits, a burn permit is required; and the City is not issuing any burn permits at this time.
- The use of any fireworks classified as 1.4G (all handheld and aerial consumer fireworks) and 1.3G (professional fireworks requiring a pyrotechnic's license) is prohibited, except as provided by law for public displays requiring a permit.
- The use of any open flame grill, barbeque grill or smoker using charcoal or wood as fuel is prohibited, unless the device has a firebox that is completely enclosed. (A firebox is a unit that has a door as opposed to a lid.)
- The use of any portable table top grill is prohibited. This includes camping stoves using white gas (Coleman fuel).
- The use of free standing patio-style fire places and wood burning stoves is prohibited unless the firebox is completely enclosed.

Residents who witness a person violating this ban or who see a fire are asked to call 9-1-1. For more information or specifics questions, contact Wylie Fire-Rescue at 972.442.8110 or wfdadmin@ci.wylie.tx.us.

"As always, we will answer any call and request those violating this order to stop their activity and we will extinguish the fire," Seddig added. "In addition, if a fire occurs and a resident is found to have caused the fire by any outdoor burning activity, we will issue a citation for reckless damage and/or unauthorized outdoor burning."

Upon conviction, the offender could then be civilly liable for any damages incurred by their reckless act or prohibited acts.

The Commissioners Court's executive order and continuance of a disaster declaration coincide with the county's burn ban, which was extended on December 23, 2005. The order, declaration and burn ban are set to expire on March 23, 2006.

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